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FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson of the Commission

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] that the Universal Declaration reiterates the equal rights of women and men contained in the Charter of the United Nations, and entitles everyone to the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration without distinction on the basis of sex,

Recalling also that gender mainstreaming is a key strategy for achieving equality between women and men and the full enjoyment of all human rights by women,

1. Calls upon the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations system as a whole to ensure that the human rights of women form an integral part of all activities in the commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and are also especially addressed through targeted activities;

2. Recommends that all activities for the commemoration should address the human rights of women, with a view to achieve common understanding and awareness on the promotion and protection of all human rights of women by, for instance, inviting gender experts to participate or contribute and devoting specific attention to the theme "Human rights of women";

[1] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

3. Also recommends that specific activities be undertaken to highlight the human rights of women, i.a., the analysis of obstacles in the realization of their rights;

4. Encourages Member States as well as other actors in the human rights field, to also mainstream a gender perspective into their commemorative activities.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Draft provisional agenda and documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women:

   (a) Review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system

   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the differential impact of population ageing on men and women, as a contribution to the International Year of Older Persons

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(c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern;

Documentation

Analytical report of the Secretary-General on the thematic issues before the Commission in accordance with the multi-year work programme, including, as far as possible, progress made in national implementation, based on available existing data and statistics

4. Initiation of the comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action and preparation of the high-level plenary review in the year 2000.

5. Communications concerning the status of women.

Documentation

Lists of confidential and non-confidential communications concerning the status of women

6. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, including the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention.

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.